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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Somduth Soborun (Mauritius), on the basis of informal consultations

Tobacco use and maternal and child health

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control,[1] emphasizing the need for a multisectoral and inter-agency response to the tobacco epidemic at the country and international levels,

Recognizing the adverse impact of tobacco use on public health, as well as its social, economic and environmental consequences, including for efforts towards poverty eradication,

Considering the serious consequences of tobacco use for maternal and child health,

Recalling the Preamble to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,[2] recognizing the increase in tobacco use among women and young girls and recognizing also the devastating impact of exposure to tobacco smoke,

Acknowledging the effectiveness of tobacco control measures for the improvement of health,

Emphasizing the importance of protecting the well-being of women and their children,

1. *Urges* Member States to consider the importance of tobacco control in improving maternal and child health as part of their public health policies and in their development cooperation programmes;

[1] E/2010/55 and Corr.1.
[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2302, No. 41032.

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2. *Recognizes* the importance of promoting tobacco control policies that include children, young people and the family;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to include tobacco control in their efforts to improve public health, including maternal and child health, and reduce child mortality, through protecting children and pregnant women from tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke;

4. *Calls upon* all relevant United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to work together to promote the reduction of tobacco use among women, in particular women of reproductive age, and those around them;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with and with the support of the World Health Organization, to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, in accordance with paragraph 50 (h) of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] to discuss further strengthening of the multisectorial and inter-agency response to the global tobacco epidemic, and to report thereon to the Council;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2012.